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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, delete lines 10-13. Please insert before line 4:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/268,202, filed March 15, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,174,997 issued January 16, 2001, a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/553,541, filed May 28, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,882,858 issued March 16, 1999, based upon PCT International Application No. PCT/US94/06669, filed June

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9, 1994, which claims priority of and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/074,967, filed June 9, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,641,672 issued June 24, 1997, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

At page 8, line 20, after "10B", please insert --SEQ ID NO:2--.

At page 8, line 30, after "proteins", please insert --SEQ ID NOS:3-9--.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-57 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

REMARKS

Applicants have hereinabove canceled claims 1-57 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation or divisional application at a later date. Accordingly, upon entry of the amendment claims 58-65 will be pending and under examination; claims 58-65 were canceled by Examiner's Amendment in U.S. Serial No. 09/268,202, as being drawn to non-elected claims. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of the Preliminary Amendment.

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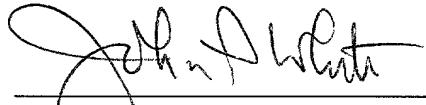
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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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